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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Applicant's election of the invention of Group I, with traverse, in the response filed December 9, 2008 is acknowledged.

Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Moreover, upon further consideration the invention of Group III has been rejoined for examination on the merits.

Thus, claims 1, 14-17, 27-29 and 44 are under examination.

Moreover, claims 20-26 and 30-43 have been withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected Group, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on December 9, 2008.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Nathan Machin on March 12, 2009.

IN THE CLAIMS

- 3. The phrase ", humanized," has been deleted from claim 15.
- 4. Claims 20-26 and 30-43 have been deleted.

CONCLUSION

- 5. Claims 1, 14-17, 27-29 and 44 are allowed.
- 6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ZACHARY SKELDING whose telephone number is (571)272-9033. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday Friday 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eileen O'Hara can be reached on 571-272-0878. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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